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GARY PIERCE - Chairman **BOB STUMP** SANDRA D. KENNEDY PAUL NEWMAN **BRENDA BURNS** 

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AZTECH COMMUNICATIONS, LLC TO

CANCEL ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE RESOLD LONG

DISTANCE AND FACILITIES-BASED LOCAL

SERVICES IN MOHAVE COUNTY ARIZONA.

**EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATION** 

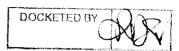
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Aztech was granted a CC&N to provide the services it now desires to cancel in Decision No. 67750 (April 11, 2005). Decision No. 67750 required Aztech to file an application with the Commission pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-1107 and to notify each of its local exchange customers and the Commission 60 days prior to filing an application to discontinue

service pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-1107 and provided that any failure to do so should result in a forfeiture of Aztech's performance bond. Aztech states the agreement with Frontier is conditioned upon Commission approval of the transfer of assets and

service. (Aztech letter filed February 22, 2011.)

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## PROCEDURAL ORDER

## BY THE COMMISSION:

On January 24, 2011, Aztech Communications, LLC ("Aztech" or "Company") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application to cancel its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") to provide resold long distance and facilities-based local exchange telecommunication services in Mohave County Arizona. Aztech's application states that pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-1107, on January 11, 2011, Aztech sent letters to its customers notifying them of its intent to discontinue service as of February 20, 2011, and provided customers with information on alternative local exchange providers in Mohave County.

On January 28, 2011, Aztech filed a copy of its application to discontinue service filed with the Federal Communications Commission.

On February 22, 2011, Aztech filed a letter requesting a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement set forth in Decision No. 67750.<sup>2</sup> Aztech's letter states that Aztech provided 30 days notice to its 44 customers; that Aztech has entered into an agreement conditionally transferring Aztech's assets to Frontier and allowing Aztech customers to transfer their service to Frontier; and that Aztech could face financial distress if the Commission finds that Aztech must forfeit its bond for

failing to give 60 days' prior notice. Further, Aztech's letter states that during discussions with the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") regarding the application, Staff objected to Aztech providing only 30 days notice to customers and to the Commission.

On February 28, 2011, Aztech filed an Affidavit of Publication showing that notice of Aztech's application to cancel its CC&N had been published in the *Mohave Valley Daily News* on February 13, 2011.

Although it is unclear whether Aztech has ceased providing services, It appears that Aztech has failed to comply with Decision No. 67750 by failing to notify its customers and the Commission 60 days before filing its application to cancel or discontinue local exchange service in Mohave County. Aztech's failure to comply could result in the forfeiture of Aztech's performance bond on file with the Commission. Therefore, it is appropriate to require Aztech to file an affidavit explaining whether Aztech has ceased providing services to any of its 44 Arizona customers; who is providing local exchange service to each of Aztech's 44 customers; and if applicable, the date Aztech's service ceased and the new provider's service commenced.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Aztech shall file, by April 16, 2011, an affidavit explaining whether Aztech has ceased providing services to any of its 44 Arizona customers; who is providing local exchange service to each of Aztech's 44 customers; and if applicable, the date Aztech's services ceased and the new provider's service commenced.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Aztech's failure to file the above referenced affidavit may result in a forfeiture of its performance bond on file with the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court Rules 31 and 38 and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to practice of law in Arizona and before the Commission and admission *pro hac vice*.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that withdrawal of representation must be made in compliance with A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (under Arizona Supreme Court Rule 42). Representation before the Commission includes appearance at all hearings and procedural conferences, as well as all Open Meetings for which the matter is scheduled for discussion, unless counsel has previously been granted permission to withdraw by the Administrative

1	Law Judge or the Commission.
2	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend or waive
3	any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.
4	DATED this 16th day of March, 2011.
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